

2008 NPS CONFERENCE CLOSING SESSION NOTES CLIMATE CHANGE

- Share Experiences
- What is the Forum
 - IRWM - Forum for grantees to share and others benefit from the experiences
 - Required at conclusion, hold workshop and present
 - Balance – Adapt to climate, open regulations based on climate criteria.
 - Wetland Definitions
 - Grazing Management- allow grading ordinance (Adjust without Opening)
- EPA's National Water Program – Climate Change: How it affects Regulations?
 - Need Communication – Scientists, agencies that it affects should develop good models
 - Need Education – Many don't even believe in it
- Active Seeking is the responsibility of the agencies.
 - Who's responsibility?
 - Who's the bridge with the info?
 - Communicate with scientists, agencies
 - Can't wait for the model
 - We know a lot of what needs to be done. – We know development models are stupid.
- Lacking info sharing / educate, can't afford to wait.
- All our responsibility- be activists
 - Minimize pollutants – NPS
 - Use Tools –CEQA
 - Inventory of policies
 - CEQA Processes- Land uses – SWRCB haven't taken advantage.
 - Need broader focus.
 - Fragmented
 - unfunded
 - Protect and restore based on past – manage
- Adaptive Flexibility into assessment /project scale in an uncertain environment.
 - Focus in pollutant doesn't change approach
 - Not lower the bar- How to adapt?
 - Raising the bar –less dilution
 - Where set the bar and maintain.

- Opportunity – decrease in rain – less to infiltrate
 - In wetter years- capture more pollution with LID
 - 1yr / 2yr storms- capture hard and fast- not long term and get into ground
 - Change ahead of schedule.
- Don't engineer- plan!
- Need a systematic approach
- Get past being reactive in comment process.
- Need all to be activists- when something should be done, run with it.
- SFO- Rain water is combined use to flush 1st.